

# Free Press.

SAURDAY.....NOVEMBER 24.

## MAILS.

Austin Stage arrives at 2 o'clock p. m.; San Antonio Stage arrives at 12 o'clock m. Both Daily arrivals. Mails northeast close at 11 a. m.; going west, close at 1 p. m. Gonzales arrives Tuesdays and Fridays at 5 p. m.; leaves at 8 a. m. next morning.

A. Von Stein, P. M.

## Agents for the Free Press.

The following gentlemen are authorized to receive and receipt for subscriptions to the Free Press in their respective localities:—

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All postmasters are also authorized agents.

## HOME NEWS.

"C. E." in our next.

CONTINUED model weather.

READ our new advertisements.

SEE corrected Market Report.

The last mosquito is left buzzing alone.

Too many vacant houses to look "healthy" in a business point of view. Something quite unusual at this season of the year.

SOMETHING to read, good books, papers, etc., always to be had at the FREE PRESS office.

We are glad to note the erection of a footbridge over the river at Smith's mill. Scarcely anything could have been more needed.

## Lands for Sale.

Improved and unimproved. Apply to or address

C. L. McGEHEE,  
Sept. 1st ff. San Marcos.

SEE the announcement of Scribner's Monthly for 1878, in our advertising columns. We club the FREE PRESS with it for \$5.20 for both.

PIGS WANTED.—We want one or two nice "shoots." Apply at this office.

ALTHOUGH so much enlarged, single copies of the FREE PRESS only require one cent postage. Call and procure copies to send to your friends and others abroad.

We Need, and Must Have Money.

Those who know themselves to be indebted to us, will please call on Messrs. Kone & Coffield, and settle at once, if they wish to save cost.

DEVINEY & MARKLEY.

Nov. 31m.

MORE new goods at Donalson & Johnson's, consisting of Domestic, Jeans, new style Calicoes, Hosiery, Neck-Ties, and almost anything else you want—all at bed-rock prices. Call and examine.

WISHING to use a good many specimen numbers of the enlarged and improved FREE PRESS, our exchanges will excuse us for a few weeks for sending them merely impressions of our four local pages.

EICKERMAN'S Best St. Louis Flour. The flour which has taken the first premium at the Austin fair. For sale at

STEIN & GISEN.

SINGLE copies of the FREE PRESS, with or without wrappers, for sale at the office, five cents each.

WOOD WANTED.—We want a few loads of good wood from such of our subscribers as may consider it to their advantage to pay in that way. The scarcity of money need not interfere with payments in wood.

LATE leading newspapers for sale at this office.

## Good Boarding.

If you want good boarding, whether by the meal, day, or for longer periods, go to Mrs. Nance's, south side plaza.

HARDLY to be credited, but it is nevertheless true, that a sick horse or a bad-conditioned cow can be brought up in a few days by the use of Simmons' Liver Regulator. The powders should be mixed with the food, and they will eat it readily; and it is surprising to see what improvement immediately takes place. It opens the bowels, strengthening them, and does all and even more than the best condition powders. A small quantity in the food for chickens will cure cholera, and keep the poultry healthy. Genuine prepared only by J. H. Zeilin & Co., Philadelphia.

## Personal.

Sorry to hear of the late accident to our friend James L. Malone.

Mr. Anderson has returned from Wilson and other lower counties, and reports dull times in that direction.

We had a pleasant call yesterday from Col. Craft, of the Austin bar. He says the Fair was a success after all, which we are glad to hear.

Messrs. Crow and Kincaid are experimenting with a new windmill, for which we learn they have taken out a patent. Hope they may be able to "raise the wind."

We hear with surprise and regret that Mr. and Mrs. Frazer are about returning to Alabama. We hope however, their stay there will be but temporary. 'Tis discouraging to see people leaving the country, especially old and worthy citizens.

Our venerable fellow-citizen, Col. Lyell, has concluded to retire from the hotel business, and as will be seen by an advertisement in our present issue, offers his property for sale. A desirable opening, we should think, for any one desiring to go into the business.

Ben. Reynolds, a semi-idiotic youth, left home about a week since and we believe has not been heard from since. His parents need his services, and are in great distress about him.

P. S.—Has returned in a dilapidated condition—don't know where he has been.

Rev. Mr. Poage was called out to perform a marriage ceremony on Thursday evening somewhere in the vicinity. We did not learn the names of the happy pair. We learn from our dealers in millinery goods, etc., that calls for wedding outfits are not uncommon. We suppose our next list of marriage licenses will tell the whole story.

## Transfers of Real Estate

Recorded in the month of October: Annie Durham to D. S. Combs, part of lot 4, block 1, in San Marcos, Lindsey and Harvey's addition—\$75.

G. W. Moore to R. T. Jackson, 434 acres out of the James Lansing league—\$10.

S. J. McMeans to C. H. Rau, lot 8 in block 12, in San Marcos—\$450.

J. V. S. Prouse to B. W. Taylor, interest in 160 acres of land—\$100.

B. W. Taylor to Polly Mays, deed to the above land—\$150.

Alex. Kavanaugh and wife to Nelson Martin, part of Henry Loller survey, 34 1-11 acres—\$25.

William Biles to J. J. Williamson, ten acres of land—regard \$10.

State to W. B. Sweeney, letters patent, survey No. 39 on the Rio Blanco.

D. S. Combs and wife to Mary A. Cotten and Adelia Duncan, parts of lots 9 and 10 in block 9, Lindsey & Harvey's addition to San Marcos, \$100.

John Hancock, C. S. West, J. M. Adams, W. O. Hutchison and T. H. Franklin, deed of partition.

C. R. Cannon and wife and M. L. Allen to W. O. Hutchison and T. H. Franklin, 80 acres out of Whately league, \$80.

Jesse Day, by adms., to Jos. F. Day, 320 acres on Rio Blanco, \$1080.

W. H. Day to John W. Day, 320 acres on the Blanco, \$300.

H. C. Durar to B. L. Spaw, 160 acres of B. F. Hanna league, \$125.

H. C. Durar to Wm. Hobdy, 160 acres of same league, \$250.

Eli Hill to W. H. Ferguson, 85 acres of the John Mark survey, \$375.

R. M. Franklin and E. B. Franklin to W. H. Ferguson, 640 acres on the Blanco, \$298.

R. P. Ellison to J. S. Billingsly, 17 acres out of Veremendi league, \$270.

W. W. Haupt to Wm. Vaughan, ten acres of timber \$1.

## A Choice Paper for Farmers.

Every intelligent farmer wants a good Agricultural journal, and the season has arrived for selecting one. The Home and Farm, of Louisville, Ky., we believe will be found to "fill the bill." It is a fine 8-page paper, published semi-monthly, by B. F. Avery & Sons, at only 50 cents a year. For 1878 the publishers announce that it will be ENLARGED so as to equal two additional pages of the present size, while the price will remain unchanged. They offer \$4000 in premiums. We will take pleasure in sending subscriptions for it.

THE San Marcos FREE PRESS comes to us this week double in size, and greatly improved. We congratulate brother Julian and his patrons on the step forward.—[Gonzales Inquirer.]

## A Splendid Offer.

An excellent Map of the Mississippi Valley will be furnished free to every subscriber who remits to this paper \$3.25, in payment of the subscription to the FREE PRESS and the St. Louis Weekly Times for one year. This Map is 28x40 inches in size, printed in bright colors, mounted on rollers and varnished, showing accurately and plainly the Counties, Postoffices and Railroad Stations of Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and Kansas, and parts of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, Nebraska and Indian Territory. It will be sent, postage free, on or about December 1st, 1877.

'Tis a remarkable commentary on the "smartness" of a large class of Texas newspapers (ours is not of the number) that they have been cutting their own throats by keeping in the advertisement of the Galveston News, just to "fill up," till the News itself has become disgusted and has issued a circular requesting them to "hold on" till it can get up a change!

We have not found time to present many subscription or other bills. While we thank all who have come forward and paid us, we would be glad to receipt the many more which still remain unpaid, and the proceeds of which we need.

DR. C. W. BENSON'S CILERY AND CHAMOMILE PILLS are prepared expressly to cure Sick Headache, Nervous Headache, Dyspeptic Headache, Neuralgia, Nervousness and Sleeplessness, and will cure any case. Price 50 cents, postage free. Sold by all Druggists. Office, No. 106 N. Eutaw Street, Baltimore, Md. Nov. 24 w

## MARKET REPORT.

San Marcos Retail Price Current. CORRECTED WEEKLY FOR THE FREE PRESS, BY DONALSON & JOHNSON.

GROCERIES.	
Sugar, Prime per lb.	10 @ 11 1/2
" Choice "	11 1/2 @ 13
" Coffee C. "	12 1/2 @ 13 1/2
" Standard A. "	13 @ 14 1/2
Molasses, Prime per gal.	50 @ 75
" Choice Louisiana "	75 @ 90
Coffee, Prime per lb.	25
" Choice "	25
Tea, Imperial "	1.00
" Gun Powder "	1.25
Racon, Clear Sides "	13 @ 14
Hams, Choice "	15
Lard, Choice Western "	13 @ 14
" Texas "	14
Apples, dried, Choice per lb.	10
" Peaches, "	10
" Pines, "	10
Spices, Blk Pepper "	40
" All Spice "	40
Nut Mega, per dozen "	25
Tomatoes, 3 lb Can "	25
Apples, "	20
Pickles, per gallon "	60
" Chow Chow per Bot. "	85
Jellies, in Tubs, per dozen "	150
Essence, per Bottle "	12 1/2 @ 25
Yeast Powder, per Box "	15 @ 20
Candles, Star per lb "	18 @ 22
" Paraffine "	32
Star, Standard "	8 1/2
Kerosene, Pratts per gal "	40 @ 45
" Pratts Astral "	40
Oil, Lard "	1.50
" Lardseed "	1.10
Snuff, Levy Garrett, per bottle "	40
Concentrated Lye, per box "	14
Soda, in kegs per lb "	8 1/2
Vinegar, Apple per lb "	60
Tobacco, Blackwell's Durham, per lb "	75
" Chewing, "	60 @ 90
Soap, All Grades per lb "	6 @ 12 1/2
Butter, Country "	25
Eggs, per dozen "	15
Flour, per lb "	4 @ 5
Meal, per bu "	30 @ 40
Corn, " "	25
Oats, " "	25
Wheat, " "	1.25
Axle Grease, per box "	12 1/2

DRY GOODS.	
B-o, Domestic, 4-4 Indian Head per yd.	10
" Big Bonanza, 36 inch "	12 1/2
Sheeting, 10-4 Pepper Mills "	30
" Dilling, bro. Amoskeag "	12 1/2
Domestic bl. Canvas 27 inch per yd.	7
" Ft. Loom, 4-4 "	12 1/2
" Gold Medal 33 inch "	11 1/2
" Knight's Emblem 33 inch "	11 1/2
Sheeting, bl. Pepper mills 10-4 "	35
Drilling, Amoskeag bl. "	14
Red Ticking, All Grades "	15 @ 25
Closet Jeans, per yd "	15
Knitting Cotton, per lb "	12 1/2 @ 14
Cotton Stripes, Standard per yd "	7
Prints, Standard "	6
" Assorted "	12 @ 14
Cotton Flannels "	12 1/2 @ 15
Chivots, Standard "	16 1/2
Duck, White 29 inch "	20 @ 25
" 40 inch "	20 @ 25
" Bro. 29 inch "	20 @ 25
Spool Cotton, Coats, per dozen "	75
Seamless Socks, per dozen "	2 75

WOOD, WILLOW WARE &c.	
Buckets, Painted, 2 hoops "	20 @ 25
" Brass Bound, 3 "	65
" Oak Well, "	40
Wash Boards, Wood "	25
Matches, Parke per dozen "	20
" Pulpur " "	20
Rope, Sisal per lb "	15 @ 20
" Cotton " "	25
Powder, Rifle "	40
" Blasting " "	30
Shot, Drop "	12 1/2
" Buck " "	15
" Pistol Balls " "	20
Nails, Common " "	6 @ 8
" Finish " "	8 1/2
Oil Cloth, Table per yd "	25
" Enameled Duck 44 inch, "	65

## Renovation, Not Prostration.

Did any enfeebled human being ever become strong under the operation of powerful cathartics or salivants? It is sometimes necessary to regulate the bowels, but that cannot be done by active purgation, which exhausts the vital forces and serves no good purpose whatever. The only true way to promote health and vigor, which are essential to regularity of the organic functions, is to invigorate, discipline and purify the system at the same time. The extraordinary efficacy of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters in cases of debility or irregularity of the organs of digestion, assimilation, secretion and discharge, is universally admitted. Appetite, good digestion, a regular habit of body, active circulation of the blood, and purity of all the animal fluids are induced by this superior tonic and corrective. It has no equal, moreover, as a preventive of cholera and fever, and other types of malarial disease. To emigrants and travelers it is particularly serviceable as a medicinal safeguard.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### Hotel Property FOR SALE!

Being incapacitated by age for the active duties of a landlord, I have determined to sell my hotel property:

"LYELL HOUSE,"

in the town of San Marcos. The house with furniture, tableware, new stove, &c., all included in sale, reserving for myself the necessary family furniture.

TERMS:—Thirty-five hundred dollars—fifteen hundred cash, the balance in two years, with interest at 12 per cent. per annum, payable quarterly.

WM. M. LYELL,

Prop. Lyell House,

San Marcos, Texas.

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### To Those Seeking Homes or Investments.

Written or printed information in relation to Farms and Wild Lands in most of the Western and Southern States, can be obtained by addressing "INTELLIGENCE LAND AGENCY, ELGIN, ILL.," naming the localities about which information is desired, and enclosing 25 cents to cover expenses.

## COLMAN'S

### RURAL WORLD!

THE LEADING AGRICULTURAL WEEKLY OF THE WEST AND SOUTH!

THIRTY YEARS ESTABLISHED.

Devoted to Improved Farming, Improved Stock, Improved Fruit, and to Improving Farmers and their Families.

It has the largest and best list of correspondents (practical farmers, stockbreeders and fruit growers) of any paper in the country.

Terms \$2.00 per annum; \$1.00 for six months; four copies, \$5.00; ten copies, \$12.50. Sample copies free.

Address NORMAN J. COLMAN, Publisher, Nov. 10-11, 600 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo.

## ESTRAY NOTICES.

ESTRAYED—by R. C. Lock, before H. G. Little, J. P. H. Co., Sept. 23, 1877, one brown mule, branded E HL on the right shoulder and W 3 on the left thigh. Appraised at \$25.00.

ALSO, ESTRAYED by J. D. Cain, before H. G. Little, J. P. H. Co., Oct. 8, 1877, one gray horse, 14 1/2 hands high, 9 years old, has a Spanish brand on the left jaw, shoulder and hind. Valued at \$10. Also, one large bay horse, 16 hands high, 10 years old; no brands. Valued at \$15. Witness my hand, Nov. 15, 1877.

ED. J. L. GREEN, Clerk C. C. H. Co.

## NEW PIANOS AND ORGANS

For Sale at Half Price.

They may be seen at the music rooms of several dealers both in the East and the West. For further information, address Box 627, Elgin, Ill.

## PUBLIC SALE OF REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

The undersigned will offer for sale, at Public Auction, on

SATURDAY, DEC. 1, 1877,

at his residence, 2 1/2 miles from San Marcos, on the Barstow road, on the Rio Blanco, the farm on which he resides, consisting of sixty-three acres of good land, well improved, good dwelling, out-buildings, well of water in the yard, 21 acres in cultivation, balance well timbered.

Also, the following

PERSONAL PROPERTY, consisting of Cattle, Hogs, one two-year old Filley, one buggy and Harness, a lot of Corn, Household and Kitchen Furniture, and other articles not necessary to mention.

Terms of Sale:—For farm, one-half cash in hand, balance in twelve months, with 12 per cent. interest from date. Terms of personal property made known on day of sale.

Nov. 10-3w J. T. A. RUST.

## ILLUSTRATED ENVELOPES.

Peace, Temperance and Anti-Tobacco Envelopes, by the use of which much good can be done, will be sent for 40 cents a hundred, or \$3 per thousand. Specimens sent free. Address AMASA LORD, publisher of "The Informer," Elgin, Ill.

## NEW MILLINERY AND DRESS MAKING ESTABLISHMENT.

MRS. POAGE and MRS. DOUGLASS

would respectfully announce to the people of San Marcos and vicinity that they have opened in the Raven building, East side of the Plaza, a new establishment of the above description. Their stock of

## MILLINERY GOODS

is entirely fresh and new, and comprises the very latest styles. They invite inspection to their stock. DRESS MAKING, in all its branches, a specialty. Oct. 27-1m.

## THE INFORMER. A Live and Interesting, Health and Anti-Tobacco paper, published at Elgin, Ill., at \$1.00 per annum, will be sent three months on trial for 25 cents to any who will send their address to Amasa Lord, the publisher, at that place. Advertisers will find it an excellent medium. Nov. 24-3m

## W. J. OLIPHANT, PHOTOGRAPHER

PECAN STREET, Austin, Texas.

The Oldest, Largest and Finest Gallery in the City.

Satisfaction Guaranteed. Oct 20-11

## BUSINESS CARDS

### MITCHELL, GLOVER & CO., BANKERS,

San Marcos, Texas. Collections promptly attended to. [August 22-17]

W. O. HUTCHISON. THOS. H. FRANKLIN.

### HUTCHISON & FRANKLIN, ATTORNEYS AT LAW,

San Marcos, Tex. Prompt attention paid to Collecting Claims and Examining Land Titles. [Feb 1-17]

### S. B. McBRIDE, ATTORNEY AT LAW,

San Marcos, Hays County, Texas. Will give prompt attention to all legal business offered him, and especially to the Collection of Claims. Sept-17

### WOODS & BLAKEMORE, PRACTICING PHYSICIANS!

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS. Office at Drug Store of Reynolds & Daniel. June 6-17

### TRAVIS HOUSE!

WEST SIDE PLAZA, OPPOSITE BALES STABLE JOHN A. POLK, Proprietor. SAN MARCOS, TEXAS. The Best and Largest Hotel in San Marcos. Mar. 17-17

### STERLING FISHER, Attorney at Law,

General Land and Collecting Agent SAN MARCOS, TEXAS. Office in Court house. Will buy and sell lands examine titles, render assessments, pay taxes &c. Jan 23-17

### Otto Gramm DRUGGIST.

(Successor to A. N. Dawson & Company,) TRAVIS CORNER. DEALER IN DRUGS, MEDICINES, PERFUMES, Sponges, Trusses and Surgical Instruments, Oils, Varnish and Window Glass. Best Wines and Liquors for medicinal purposes. Prescriptions carefully prepared, day and night. San Marcos, June 23.

### J. H. COMBS, DENTAL SURGEON,

Mechanical and Operative Dentistry in its various branches at reasonable rates. All work done in the neatest style. Diseased gums and bad breath promptly relieved, apply.

### CHAS. BOCK, DEALER IN—FAMILY GROCERIES,

Has opened at his old stand in San Marcos, where he will keep a full stock of goods in his line, and sell as cheap as the cheapest. Brandies, Wines, Whisky and Beer always on hand and sold on physicians' prescription only. Sept. 29-17

### DAN. HOFHEINZ

Would respectfully announce to the people of San Marcos and vicinity that he has opened a

### MILLINERY STORE,

On the south side of the Plaza, where he constantly has on hand a full line of Ladies' Bonnets, Hats, Trimmings, and all other

### MILLINERY GOODS

Of the best quality and most fashionable styles. BONNET TRIMMING and all other work in that department will be attended to by ladies of approved skill and fine artistic taste. Polite attention to all. PRICES LOW! The ladies are invited to call and see for themselves. April 14-17

### C. MEINERS. O. MEINERS C. & O. Meiners,

DEALERS IN

### FAMILY GROCERIES,

HARDWARE, CROCKERY, WOOD AND WILLOW WARE, ALSO BOOTS & SHOES.

West side plaza, San Marcos, Texas. 17-17

### O. T. BROWN, ATTORNEY AT LAW,

AND LAND AND COLLECTING AGENT, San Marcos, Hays County, Texas. In the practice in Hays County will be associated with

### WILLIAM E. BURGESS,

Of Seguin, Guadalupe County, Texas. 1st—In all their criminal cases in the District Court. 2d—In such civil cases in the District Court, as in such cases, either civil or criminal, in the other Courts, wherein both may be expressly retained. May 13-17

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